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FOR: ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC

PHOTORECEPTOR AND

ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE

FORMING METHOD AND APPARATUS USING THE

PHOTORECEPTOR

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please cancel Claims 3, 4, 13, 14, 22, 23, 31 and 32.

Please amend the claims to read as follows. A marked-up copy is attached.

--1. (Twice Amended) An electrophotographic photoreceptor, comprising:

an electroconductive substrate,

on the electroconductive substrate, an intermediate layer comprising titanium oxide,

and

a photosensitive layer on the intermediate layer,

